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FOR : HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK AND BLANKS
FOR HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK
THEREFOR AND A METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERN BY
USING THE HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK

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- [X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-101907, filed April 4, 2000.
 - [X] A certified copy of the priority application is enclosed.
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